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Divisional Health Office,  
Brogden Street,  
Ulverston.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Dalton-in-Furness Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1967.

GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area in Acres	8,022
Population - Census, 1961	10,316
- Registrar General's Estimate of home population, mid 1967	10,900
Number of inhabited houses	3,986
Rateable Value	£272,840
Amount produced by a Penny Rate	£1,075

The Urban District of Dalton-in-Furness is situated in the North Western part of the County of Lancashire adjoining the County Borough of Barrow-in-Furness and the North Lonsdale Rural District. Height above Ordnance Datum varies between 850 feet in the north-east to sea level in the west. There are outcrops of limestone in various parts of the District and in the past there has been extensive mining for iron ore which has left the surface considerably scarred and some of the low lying areas flooded with water.

The chief industries are viscose manufacturing, shoe-making, brickworks, clothing manufacture and agriculture, but a large proportion of the male working population is employed in the shipyards and engineering works at Barrow-in-Furness.

VITAL STATISTICS

The principal vital statistics for the year 1967 and for the preceding five years are given on page two.

207 live births were registered, 121 being males and 86 females. 4 male and 5 female were illegitimate.

Approximately 74% of the deaths were in persons of 65 years of age and over and the principal causes of death were:- Heart disease 72, Malignant growths 20, and Vascular Lesions of the nervous system 20. Of the 72 deaths from Heart disease, 47 were due to Coronary Artery Disease.

The adjusted live birth rate of 20.0 per 1,000 and the adjusted death rate of 14.0 per 1,000 can be compared with the corresponding rates for England and Wales of 17.2 per 1,000 and 11.2 per 1,000 respectively.

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality Total			Neo-Natal
	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 popul- ation	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 popul- ation	Number regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
1967	207	19.0	144	13.2	5	24.0	Nil	Nil	3	14.0	2	10.0
1966	203	18.9	150	14.0	2	2.8	Nil	Nil	4	19.7	3	14.8
1965	190	18.1	139	13.2	4	20.6	Nil	Nil	5	26.3	4	21.1
1964	193	18.6	110	10.6	6	30.2	1	5.03	3	15.5	2	10.4
1963	157	15.2	160	15.5	4	24.8	Nil	Nil	4	25.5	2	12.7
1962	168	16.3	135	13.1	3	17.5	Nil	Nil	6	35.7	5	29.8
Average 5 years 1962-66	-	17.4	-	14.3	-	20.6	-	1.0	-	24.5	-	17.7

Adjusted live birth rate 1967 (comparability factor 1.05) = 20.0 per 1,000  
Adjusted death rate 1967 (comparability factor 1.06) = 14.0 per 1,000

## STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:-

J.L. WILD. M.A., M.B., B.Chir.,  
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Other Appointments Held:-

Medical Officer of Health -  
Ulverston Urban District  
Council, Grange-over-Sands  
Urban District Council,  
North Lonsdale Rural District  
Council.

Divisional Medical Officer -  
Health Division No. 1  
Lancashire County Council.

Public Health Inspector:-

P. HOWARD, M.A.P.H.I.  
Meat and Other Foods  
Inspectors Certificate

Other Appointments Held:-

Cleansing Superintendent and Housing  
Manager- Dalton-in-Furness  
Urban District Council.

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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

### WATER SUPPLY

The provision and maintenance of public water supplies throughout the District is the responsibility of the Furness Water Board. Dalton is supplied from Poaka Beck reservoir and Askam from the Ulpha intake of the River Duddon.

No new sources of supply were acquired during the year but the main was extended to supply the new estate of private dwellings at Dalton.

The supply was satisfactory in quality throughout the year, but is proving insufficient to give an adequate supply to the new estate in Greystone Area. This should be remedied when a new storage reservoir which is under construction at Highfield is brought into use.

3,960 houses are now supplied direct from public mains, 14 have private supplies.

### SEWERAGE

The Sewage from Dalton is taken to screening tanks near the site of the old gasworks and the effluent is then discharged to the Barrow Corporation sewerage system. The sewage from Askam is passed through screening tanks and the effluent discharged to the Duddon estuary. The Dalton system is grossly overloaded and the Askam system is far below modern standards. Consulting Engineers have been engaged to prepare plans for the improvement of both systems. Sewage from the hamlet of Newton passes through a settlement tank, the effluent being discharged to a stream. Lindal and Martin have modern sewage disposal plant where full treatment is given before discharging the effluent to nearby streams.

3 houses have privy middens and another 1 has a pail closet, the remainder being on the water carriage system.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of refuse is made and trade refuse is collected subject to payment of an annual charge.

Dustbins are renewable out of the rate fund.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

	Class of premises				
	Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale shops, warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
(1) No. of registered premises at end of year	16	47	1	6	-
(2) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	2	13	-	3	-
(3) No. of exemptions current at end of year:-					
Space(S.5.(2))	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.9)	-	-	-	-	-
Docking facilities (S.10)	-	-	-	-	-
(4) <u>No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises</u>	35				
(5) <u>No. of prosecutions during year</u>	None				

HOUSING

Property in the District is generally 60-80 years old, terrace type, opening direct on to the street. For the most part the houses are structurally sound, but many are without modern amenities such as baths and hot water system. There is a general lack of damp courses but little evidence of rising dampness. Repairs and improvements are slow to be carried out.

A caravan site at Askam is licensed for 17 permanent and 45 holiday caravans.

(1) Number of new dwellings created during the year:-

	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Flats.</u>
(1) By the local authority	-	-
(2) By other local authorities	2	-
(3) By other bodies or persons	95	-

(2) Total No. of Council-owned dwellings existing at end of year		613	
(3) <u>Inspections of dwelling-houses during the year:-</u>			
(1) (a) Total No. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects(under Public Health or Housing Acts)		73	
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose		123	
(c) No. of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit		34	
(2) Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -			
(a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time)		2	
(b) Demolition or Closing Orders have not yet been made		11	
(4) <u>Houses Demolished:-</u>		Nil	
(5) <u>Unfit Houses Closed:-</u>	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
	(1) Under S.16(4), S.17(1) and S.35(1), Housing Act, 1957, and S.26 Housing Act, 1961	2	2
	(2) Under S.17(3) and S.26, Housing Act, 1957.	-	
(3) Parts of buildings closed under S.18, Housing Act, 1957.	-		
(6) <u>Unfit Houses Made Fit:-</u>		Number	
(1) By owner after informal action by local authority		10	
(2) After formal notice under S.9 and S.16, Housing Act, 1957 -			
(a) by owner		-	
(b) by local authority		-	
(3) After formal notice under Public Health Acts.		5	
(4) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S. 21, Housing Act, 1961		-	
(5) After determination of a demolition order under S.24, Housing Act, 1957		-	
(6) After determination of a closing order under S.27, Housing Act, 1961		-	



(7) Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):- Nil

(8) Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year Nil

(9) Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement Grants, etc.

Action taken during the year:-

- (1) Submitted by private individuals to local authority
- (2) Approved by local authority
- (3) Submitted by local authority to Ministry
- (4) Finally approved by Ministry
- (5) Work completed
- (6) Additional separate dwellings included in (5) above

No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of -

Private Bodies or individuals	Local Authority
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-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

(10) House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964 - Standard Grants:-

Action during year:

- (1) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to (a) full standard  
(b) reduced standard
- (2) Total applications approved by local authority for improvement to (a) full standard  
(b) reduced standard
- (3) Work completed

No. of dwellings or other buildings affected

48
3
48
3
55

The main housing requirement of the District is accommodation for aged persons.



# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

## MILK SUPPLY

### 1. Samples for Biological Examination

	Total No. of samples submitted	Results		
		Positive	Negative	No result
Results:-	9			
(a) Tuberculosis		-	-	-
(b) Brucellosis - Ring Test		1	8	-
(c) Brucellosis - Culture Test		-	1	-
(d) Brucellosis - Biological Test		-	-	-

## MEAT INSPECTION

There is one private slaughterhouse in the district where all animals were inspected post-mortem. Details are as follows:-

	<u>Cattle excluding Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	119	-	-	323	-
Number inspected	119	-	-	-	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	55	-	-	83	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	46.2%	-	-	25.7%	-
<u>Tuberculosis - No. affected</u>	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis - No. affected</u>	-	-	-	-	-

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases of notifiable infectious diseases which occurred in the Urban District during the five years 1962 -1966 compared with the number in 1967.

Disease	Number of cases in year					
	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Scarlet fever	1	-	-	1	-	-
Measles	27	196	36	82	81	32
Whooping cough	-	7	6	1	-	-
Dysentery	3	1	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	4	2	-	-	-	1
Food poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	35	206	42	84	81	34

# TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases and mortality during 1967.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
75 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	2	-	-	3	-	-	-
	4		-		3		-	

The table below shows the number of new cases and deaths from tuberculosis in Dalton residents during the past 12 years.

Year	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1956	6	9	-	-	3	-	-	-
1957	4	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
1958	8	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
1959	4	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
1961	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
1962	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
1963	7	2	1	-	3	1	-	-
1964	3	2	1	1	1	-	-	-
1965	4	2	-	-	3	-	-	-
1966	5	2	2	-	1	-	1	-
1967	2	2	-	-	3	-	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - 1951

It was not found necessary to take any action under the above named Acts.

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In conclusion, it is my pleasure to thank the Members of the Health Committee and the Officers of the Dalton-in-Furness Urban District Council, particularly the Public Health Inspector for their unfailing courtesy and help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. WILD.

Medical Officer of Health.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
in respect of the year 1967 for the Dalton-in-Furness  
Urban District in the County of Lancashire.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

- 1 - Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of - Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	43	11	3	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	43	11	3	-

- 2 - Cases in which defects were found.

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>	
			<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors(S6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	-
(c) Not sep rate for sexes	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	-	-	-

No prosecutions were instituted

Part VIII of the Act

Particulars under Sections 133 and 134

No. of outworkers in August list	Nil
No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	Nil







